

# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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Dee McKee, District 3  
Maxwell Sumner, District 4  
Bill Gamble, District 5  
Dmitri Fonov, District 6  
Ron Bernier, District 7

## MEETING MINUTES

ASSEMBLY CHAMBERS  
350 EAST DAHLIA AVENUE, PALMER

ASSEMBLY REGULAR MEETING

6:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2025

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly was held on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at the Borough Assembly Chambers, 350 E. Dahlia Avenue, Palmer, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Edna DeVries.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Assemblymember Stephanie Nowers, Assemblymember Dee McKee, Assemblymember Maxwell Sumner, Assemblymember Bill Gamble, and Assemblymember Dmitri Fonov

**Telephonic:** 2 - Assemblymember Tim Hale (arrived telephonically at 6:03 p.m.) and Assemblymember Ron Bernier

### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented without objection.

### **IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown led a moment of silence for the passing of Gene Stone and briefly spoke to his work in the community.

### **V. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY**

#### **A. Mayoral Proclamation In Recognition Of Older Americans Month**

**25-088**

**Mayoral Proclamation**

Mayor DeVries read the proclamation recognizing Older Americans Month into the record.

**VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS**

**25-085**

- A. Special Meeting Minutes: 04/09/25
- B. Regular Meeting Minutes: 04/15/25
- C. Budget Public Hearing: 04/22/25
- D. Budget Public Hearing: 04/24/25
- E. Budget Public Hearing: 04/29/25
- F. Special Meeting Minutes: 05/01/25
- G. Budget Deliberation: 05/01/25

The minutes were approved as presented without objection.

**VII. REPORTS/CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. AGENCY REPORTS (MSB 2.12.082; Seven Minutes Per Person)**

**1. Reports From Cities**

Josh Tudor, Deputy Mayor from City of Palmer, spoke to events happening in Palmer, upcoming road construction, the new City Manager, Palmer Library, and a resolution in support of a Japanese language program.

**2. Matanuska-Susitna Borough School District**

There was no report provided.

**3. State of Alaska**

Todd Smoldon, Executive Director of Governor Dunleavy's Mat-Su Office, provided an update on the budget, the legislative session, and spoke to House Bill 57.

**B. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. Joint Assembly/School Board Committee On School Issues**

There was no report provided.

**2. Assembly Public Relations**

There was no report provided.

**C. MANAGER COMMENTS**

## **1. State/Federal Legislation**

There was no comment provided.

## **2. Strategic Planning Issues**

There was no comment provided.

## **D. ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

There was no comment provided.

## **E. CLERK COMMENTS**

Ms. McKechnie spoke to the upcoming meeting schedule.

## **F. CITIZEN AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

**25-086**

1. Abbreviated Plat: 05/07/25
2. Animal Care And Regulation Board: 08/13/24, 09/17/24, 02/19/25, 04/02/25, Case No. 25-01
3. Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors: Resolution No. 25-01
4. Board of Adjustment And Appeals: Case No. 24-03
5. Glacier View Community Council: 03/27/25
6. Greater Palmer Consolidated FSA Board of Supervisors: 04/30/25
7. Greater Talkeetna RSA Board of Supervisors: 04/10/25, Resolution Nos. 25-01, 25-02
8. Library Board: 02/11/23
9. North Lakes Community Council: Resolution No. 24-03
10. Planning Commission: 03/18/24, 04/15/24, 05/06/24, 05/20/24, 06/03/24 (2), 03/17/25, 04/21/25, Resolution No. 25-06
11. Platting Board: 04/17/25
12. South Lakes Community Council: 05/05/25
13. Susitna Community Council: 04/03/25
14. Transportation Advisory Board: Resolution No. 25-03

The citizen and other correspondence were presented, and no comments were noted.

## **G. INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUMS**

There were no informational memorandums presented.

## **VIII. SPECIAL ORDERS**

**A. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You Can Speak Under One Of The Audience Participations On The Agenda, But Not Both; Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following person spoke to concerns with the project changing the access to Shaw Elementary School: Rod Hanson, Chair of North Lakes Community Council.

The following person spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 25-020: Garland Morrison, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member.

The following person spoke to communism, libraries, the Library Board, and the Library Citizens' Advisory Committee: Jackie Goforth.

The following person spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Ed Powell.

The following person thanked Assemblymember McKee and Assemblymember Fonov for their views and spoke to local schools and testing and to purchasing the Big Lake Lions' Club: Linda Spohn.

**B. PUBLIC HEARINGS (Three Minutes Per Person.)**

**RS 25-020** A Resolution Removing All Board Members From The Big Lake Road Service Area 21 Board Of Supervisors.

**Sponsors:** DeVries and Gamble

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

There was no staff report provided.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person spoke in opposition to Resolution Serial No. 25-020: Pat Daniels, Big Lake RSA Board of Supervisors member.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

[Clerk's Note: Assemblymember McKee exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m.)

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-020.**

**Assemblymember Gamble moved a primary amendment to Resolution Serial No. 25-020 as follows:**

**\*By striking the words "all board members" from the title and replacing them with "Pat Daniels"; and**

**\*by inserting the following whereas clauses after the final whereas clause in the resolution, "WHEREAS, since the 90 day period has elapsed, four of the five board members have stopped engaging in activities and tactics which were outlined in this resolution and information memorandum as being the basis for removal; and WHEREAS, one member, Pat Daniels, has continued to erode trust in government, put his self interests above others, and refuses to stop engaging in the activities outlined in this resolution and information memorandum; and**

**WHEREAS, at the meeting of the RSA 21 Board of Supervisors in April 2025, members of the public presented concerns and questions about upgrading a road for maintenance; and WHEREAS, thereafter instead of responding to the members of the public, Pat Daniels brought up discussions of budget and mill rates and voiced his displeasure about them; and WHEREAS, Pat Daniels attitude and conduct during his**

discussions was so disruptive that members of the public left the meeting; and

WHEREAS, after members of the public left, the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Road Maintenance Supervisor commented to the Board and everyone in the room, that it was the disruptive conduct that prompted members of the public to leave and it should not be that way; and

WHEREAS, Pat Daniels continues to sow discord, disrupt the business of the meetings, and lash out at others to the point where the public leaves meeting rather than participate."; and

\*by striking all 3 resolved clauses and replace them with,"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly finds that, for the reasons contained in the recitals of this resolution and the reasons in Information Memorandum No. 25-051, when taken as a whole, good cause exists to remove Pat Daniels from the Big Lake RSA 21 Board of Supervisors. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly finds that the good cause to be stated with this resolution is the inordinate amount of Borough staff time consumed by Mr. Daniels with issues unrelated to the advice the board is to give, the corresponding lack of any better advice from the board, the repeated bickering and infighting by Mr. Daniels, the practice of Mr. Daniels advocating for positions or changes on an individual basis and not with board concurrence, the refusal of Mr. Daniels to stop these practices, complaints from the public about the board's functioning, all of the issues and discussions contained in the recitals of this resolution and the reasons in Information Memorandum No. 25-051, and the fact that since this resolution was introduced 90 days ago Mr. Daniels has not stopped his disruptive practices, has continued to erode trust in government, put his self interests above others, and refuses to stop engaging in the activities recited in this resolution and information memorandum to the point that members of the public do not attend, and/or leave meetings because of Mr. Daniels' conduct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Matanuska-Susitna Borough Assembly removes Pat Daniels from the Big Lake RSA 21 Board of Supervisors and declares that seat immediately vacant."

The primary amendment passed by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-023** An Ordinance Conveying And Merging The Borough's Development Rights Interest With The Agricultural Rights Title For Fee Simple Title With Agricultural Covenants For Tax Id No. 19N05W13C002, To Tory And Cynthia Oleck.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Management Division Manager, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-023.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

- OR 25-031** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The North Curt Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 650, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
- OR 25-032: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$91,490 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The North Curt Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 650; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Mayor DeVries requested to take Ordinance Serial No. 25-031, Ordinance Serial No. 25-032, Ordinance Serial No. 25-033, Ordinance Serial No. 25-034, Ordinance Serial No. 25-035, Ordinance Serial No. 25-036, Ordinance Serial No. 25-037, and Ordinance Serial No. 25-038 together.

There was no objection noted.

- OR 25-033** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Easy Street And Cozy Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 658, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
- OR 25-034: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$66,625 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Easy Street And Cozy Circle Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.658; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

- OR 25-035** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Echo Lake Drive And Necrason Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 663, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.
- OR 25-036: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$231,239 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Echo Lake Drive And Necrason Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.663; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.



**OR 25-037** An Ordinance Confirming The Assessment Roll For The Homestead Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 667, Establishing The Method Of Terminating Assessments, And Making Refunds To Property Owners.

OR 25-038: An Ordinance Providing For The Financing Not To Exceed \$68,456 Principal Amount Of Special Assessment Internal Service Funds For The Homestead Drive Natural Gas Local Improvement District No.667; And Fixing Details Of Said Financing.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-031, Ordinance Serial No. 25-032, Ordinance Serial No. 25-033, Ordinance Serial No. 25-034, Ordinance Serial No. 25-035, Ordinance Serial No. 25-036, Ordinance Serial No. 25-037, and Ordinance Serial No. 25-038.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-039** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant In The Amount Of \$113,500 From The Alaska State Department Of Environmental Conservation To Conduct Education and Outreach To Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution In Riparian Areas Adjacent To Impacted Waterbodies.  
RS 25-030: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Healthy Mat-Su Riparian Areas: Education And Outreach Project To Reduce Nonpoint Source Pollution In Riparian Areas Adjacent To Impacted Waterbodies.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Maggie Brown, Long Range Planner, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-039 and Resolution Serial No. 25-030.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-048** An Ordinance Approving The Purchase Of The Big Lake Lions' Club Recreation Center And Adjacent Parking Lot At 2942 And 2863 South Lions Circle, Big Lake, Alaska For \$400,000, Subject To Appropriation In The Fiscal Year 2026 Budget; And Upon Such Terms And Conditions Within The Agreement.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Joe Metzger, Land & Resource Department Manager, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-048.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-053** An Ordinance Reappropriating \$90,000 From The Animal Care And Regulation Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budget To The Animal Care Project For The Cremator Purchase Subproject.  
RS 25-039: A Resolution Renaming And Amending The Scope Of Work For The Cremator Refurbishment Subproject And Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Cremator Purchase.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Vanessa Forbes, Animal Care and Regulation Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-053 and Resolution Serial No. 25-039.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-056** An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For Completion Of Expiring Project Funds Through June 30, 2026.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided a staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

The following person questioned the meaning of OR 25-056: Andy Rotelle.

There being no others present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-056. The motion passed without objection by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-057** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating A Grant For \$2,000 From The State Of Alaska For Reimbursement Of Travel Expensed To Attend The Association Of State Floodplain Managers Training Conference.  
RS 25-045: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For Reimbursement Of Travel Expenses To Attend The Association Of State Floodplain Managers Training Conference.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Wade Long, Development Services Manager, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-057 and Resolution Serial No. 25-045.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-058** An Ordinance Amending MSB 5.25.142, Annexing Three Parcels Off Of The Glenn Highway Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Without The Placement Of The Question On The Ballot; And Finding That It Serves The Public Interest.  
RS 25-049: A Resolution Finding The Annexation Of Three Parcels Located On The Glenn Highway Into The Greater Palmer Consolidated Fire Service Area Serves The Public Interest.

**Sponsors:** Hale

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ms. McKechnie provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-058 and Resolution Serial No. 25-049.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-059** An Ordinance Amending MSB 4.80, Agriculture Advisory Board, To Remove Term Limits For The Board.

**Sponsors:** Sumner

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

No staff report was provided.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-059.**

**Assemblymember Nowers moved to postpone Ordinance Serial No. 25-059 to June 3, 2025.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 5 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 1 - Assemblymember Fonov

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-060** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$2,064,750 From The City Of Houston For The King Arthur Drive Reconstruction Project.  
RS 25-050: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget And Authorizing The Manager To Enter Into A Memorandum Of Agreement With The City Of Houston For The King Arthur Drive Reconstruction Project.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff provided.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-060 and Resolution Serial No. 25-050.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-062** An Ordinance Extending The Time Limit For The Emergency Services  
Station 12-9 Building Project To June 30, 2029.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Ken Barkley, Emergency Services Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing  
closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No.  
25-062.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-063** An Ordinance Appropriating The 2025 Series B General Obligation  
School Refunding Bonds And The 2025 Series C General Obligation  
Transportation System Refunding Bonds Proceeds For Issuance Costs.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify, the public hearing  
closed and discussion moved to the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No.  
25-063.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**OR 25-064** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating 2025 Series A General Obligation School Bonds And Series D Taxable General Obligation Transportation System Bonds Proceeds, Including Issuance Costs And Additional Premium To Debt Service.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

Cheyenne Heindel, Finance Director, provided the staff report.

Mayor DeVries opened the public hearing.

There being no one present who wished to testify the public hearing closed and the discussion moved the Assembly.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to adopt Ordinance Serial No. 25-064.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

The meeting recessed at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 8:02 p.m.

**C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (You Can Speak Under One Of The Audience Participations On The Agenda, But Not Both; Three Minutes Per Person.)**

The following persons spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Renee Blake and Doug (Last name was indiscernible).

The following person spoke to the public process, postponement of Ordinance Serial No. 25-059, and Ordinance Serial No. 25-054: Andy Rotelle.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

**1. RESOLUTIONS**

**RS 25-051** A Resolution Approving The Amended Scope Of Work For South Colony Street Light.

**2. ACTION MEMORANDUMS**



**AM 25-053** Authorization Of A Cost Increase To The 3-Year Enterprise Mapping Software Agreement With Environmental Systems Research Institute Inc.

**AM 25-054** Approval Of Utility Relocation Cost Of \$117,550 To ENSTAR Natural Gas, For The Snowcrest Drive And Trapline Drive Improvements, Drainage, And Surfacing Project In Fairview Road Service Area No. 14.

**AM 25-055** Approving The Fiscal Year 2026 Payment To The City Of Palmer In The Amount Of \$1,269,827.65 For The Fire Services Agreement.

**AM 25-056** Acceptance Of Late Filed And Retroactive Senior Citizen And Disabled Veteran Exemption Applications For The Period Of March And April 2025.

**AM 25-057** Award Of Bid No. 25-155B To Construction Machinery Industrial, LLC, For The Contract Amount Of \$1,163,390 To Purchase A Rough Terrain Cargo Crane.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to approve the consent agenda as read into the record by the Clerk.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**RS 25-057** A Resolution Directing The Manager To Rebid The Road Maintenance Contract For Gold Trail Road Service Area No. 28.

**Sponsors:** Bernier and Fonov

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-057.**

**The motion failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

**Excused: 1 - Assemblymember McKee**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to reconsider Resolution Serial No. 25-057.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes: 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier**

**Excused: 1 - Assemblymember McKee**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment as followings:**

**\*In the title by insert the words "in the spring of 2026" to read: "directing the Manager to rebid the road maintenance contract for service area (RSA) 28, Gold Trail in the spring of 2026."; and  
\*in the therefore, be it resolved clause insert the words "in the spring of 2026" to read: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, the Assembly directs the Manager to rebid the RSA 28 road maintenance contract in the spring of 2026."**

**Assemblymember Bernier moved a secondary amendment as follows:**

**\*In the title striking the words "road service area (RSA) 28, Gold Trail" and insert the words "all Raod Service Areas"**

**\*in the therefore, be it resolved clause strike the words "the RSA 28 road maintenance contract" and insert the words "all of the road maintenance contracts" to read "the Assembly directs the Manager to rebid all of the road maintenance contracts in the spring of 2026."**

**Mayor DeVries ruled the secondary amendment out of order.**

**Assemblymember Hale called for the question (to stop debate)**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**RS 25-058** A Resolution Directing The Manager To Rebid The Road Maintenance  
Contract For Meadow Lakes Road Service Area No. 27.

**Sponsors:** Bernier

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No.  
25-058.**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment as  
followings:**

**\*In the title by insert the words "in the spring of 2026" to read:  
"directing the Manager to rebid the road maintenance contract  
for service area (RSA) 27, Meadow Lakes in the spring of 2026.";  
and**

**\*in the therefore, be it resolved clause insert the words "in the  
spring of 2026" to read: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,  
RESOLVED, the Assembly directs the Manager to rebid the RSA  
27 road maintenance contract in the spring of 2026."**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**RS 25-059** A Resolution Directing The Manager To Rebid The Road Maintenance Contract For Bogard Road Service Area No. 25.

**Sponsors:** Fonov

**Assemblymember Gamble moved to adopt Resolution Serial No. 25-059.**

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** Assemblymember Sumner spoke to previously stating a conflict of interest as he has done business with a company that could be impacted by the legislation in the past, but noted he was not legally required to do so and asked to not be recused from voting on Resolution Serial No. 25-059 because Bogard Road Service Area No. 25 is partially within his district.

**RULING:** Mayor DeVries ruled that Assemblymember Sumner had no conflict of interest and would not be recused from voting.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment as followings:**

**\*In the title by insert the words "in the spring of 2026" to read: "directing the Manager to rebid the road maintenance contract for service area (RSA) 25, Bogard in the spring of 2026."; and  
\*in the therefore, be it resolved clause insert the words "in the spring of 2026" to read: "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT, RESOLVED, the Assembly directs the Manager to rebid the RSA 25 road maintenance contract in the spring of 2026."**

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

## **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **X. VETO**

### **A. Motion to Override Any Possible Mayoral Veto On Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Items (Ordinance Serial No. 25-025)**

**OR 25-025** An Ordinance Appropriating Monies From The Central Treasury For The Borough Operating Funds, Enterprise Funds, Education Operating Fund And Capital Funds, Establishing The Rate Of Levy For All Borough Functions For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, And Ending June 30, 2026; And Setting The Surcharge Rate For The Wireline And Wireless Enhanced 911 Systems For The Period Of July 1, 2025, Through June 30, 2026.

There were no vetoes presented.

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 06/03/25 Assembly Chambers)**

**OR 25-044** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$1,718,174.66 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance To A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A Vesta 911 Telephone System.  
**RS 25-036:** A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Allow The City Of Wasilla To Obtain Reimbursement From The Enhanced 911 Surcharge Funding For A Vesta 911 Telephone System.

**OR 25-046** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.60, Conditional Uses, To Include Permit Requirements And Standards For Homeless Shelters.

**Sponsors:** Sumner and Gamble

**OR 25-054** An Ordinance Adopting MSB 15.24.030(B)(48) Bogard-Seldon Corridor Access Management Plan.

**OR 25-065** An Ordinance Approving Land Classification Of A Borough-Owned Property As Reserved Use Land For The Purpose Of An Emergency Services Facility In The Core Area.

**OR 25-067** An Ordinance Approving An Appropriation Of \$250,000 From The Enhanced 911 Fund Balance To A Project To Allow The Aerial Imagery Acquisition Program To Collect Data To Support 911 Call Taking And Addressing.  
RS 25-052: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For A Project To Allow The Aerial Imagery Acquisition Program To Collect Data To Support 911 Call Taking And Addressing.

**OR 25-069** An Ordinance Approving A Reappropriation Of \$75,000 From The Land And Resource Division 2025 Operating Budget To Project No. 47031.  
RS 25-053: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For The Material Site Development/Reclamation.

**OR 25-070** An Ordinance Extending The Time Of Completion On Expiring Community Transportation Grant Match Funds Through June 30, 2035.

**OR 25-071** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$25,000 From Revenue Replacement Funding For 2022 Windstorm Disaster Funding Shortfalls.  
RS 25-054: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Budget For 2022 Windstorm Disaster Funding Shortfalls.

**OR 25-072** An Ordinance Accepting And Appropriating \$36,294.33 From Guardian Asset Management For Community Cleanup And Abatement Of Junk And Trash Issues.  
RS 25-055: A Resolution Approving The Scope Of Work And Amending The Budget For The Cleanup And Abatement Project.

## **B. INTRODUCTIONS (For Public Hearing 07/15/25 Assembly Chambers)**

**OR 25-061** An Ordinance Creating Yarrow Road Natural Gas Local Improvement District No. 664, Approving The Improvement Plan For The District, Authorizing The Manager To Proceed With The Improvement, And Assessing Equally Among The Properties Within The District The Costs Of The Improvement.

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to introduce the legislation as read into the record by the Clerk and to set the public hearings for June 3, 2025 and July 15, 2025.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

## **C. MAYORAL NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. VACANCY REPORT**

**25-087** Mayoral Requests for Confirmation  
Agriculture Advisory Board  
Melissa Lytwyn  
Board of Ethics  
Genevieve Owens  
Planning Commission  
Brendan Carpenter

**Assemblymember Sumner moved to confirm the appointments requested by the Mayor.**

**The motion passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

## **D. OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other new business.

## **E. REFERRALS (For Referral To The Planning Commission For 90 Days Or Other Date Specified By The Assembly)**

**OR 25-073** An Ordinance Amending MSB 17.02 Mandatory Land Use Permit, MSB 17.55 - Setback And Screening Easements, MSB 17.65 Variances, MSB 17.80 Nonconforming Structures And MSB 17.125 Definitions.

**Sponsors:** Hale

Ms. McKechnie read the legislation into the record.

**Assemblymember Hale moved to refer Ordinance Serial No. 25-073 to the Planning Commission and MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission for 120 days.**

**Assemblymember Sumner moved a primary amendment to refer Ordinance Serial No. 25-073 to the Parks, Recreation & Trails Advisory Board, Water and Wastewater Advisory Board, Transportation Advisory Board, and Agriculture Advisory Board for 90 days and then refer to the Planning Commission and MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission for the 120 days, in consecutive order.**

**Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment to strike "120" and insert "90" for referral to the Planning Commission and MSB Fish and Wildlife Commission.**

**The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, and Assemblymember Gamble

**No:** 2 - Assemblymember Fonov and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**Assemblymember Nowers moved a secondary amendment to strike "Water and Wastewater Advisory Board" from the referral list.**

**The secondary amendment failed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 2 - Assemblymember Nowers and Assemblymember Fonov

**No:** 4 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee



**Assemblymember Hale moved a secondary amendment to strike the word "consecutive" and insert the word "congruent".**

**The secondary amendment failed (tie vote).:**

**Yes:** 3 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, and Assemblymember Bernier

**No:** 3 - Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, and Assemblymember Fonov

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The secondary amendment passed with Mayor DeVries exercising her voting rights and breaking the tie with an affirmative vote.**

**Assemblymember Fonov moved a secondary amendment to strike "90" and insert "120" for all boards.**

**The secondary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The primary amendment passed by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers, Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble, Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

**The main motion passed as amended by the following vote:**

**Yes:** 6 - Assemblymember Hale, Assemblymember Nowers,  
Assemblymember Sumner, Assemblymember Gamble,  
Assemblymember Fonov, and Assemblymember Bernier

**Excused:** 1 - Assemblymember McKee

## **XII. RECONSIDERATION**

There were no reconsiderations.

## **XIII. MAYOR, ASSEMBLY, AND STAFF COMMENTS**

Assemblymember Hale spoke to the amendments made to Ordinance Serial No. 25-073.

Assemblymember Bernier spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-073, directed staff to rebid road maintenance contract for the next season, and said a prayer.

Assemblymember Nowers spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-073 and the actions taken during the meeting.

Mr. Brown spoke to his evaluation and Ordinance Serial No. 25-054.

Assemblymember Sumner directed the Manager to collect comments from Community Councils regarding Ordinance Serial No. 25-073.

Assemblymember Fonov thanked the public who came to testify from his district, spoke to Ordinance Serial No. 25-073.

Mayor DeVries thanked John Aschbrenner, Deputy Borough Attorney.

## **XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There was no executive session.

## **XV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Mayoral Signature and Clerk Attestment

For

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EDNA DeVRIES, Borough Mayor

ATTEST:

LONNIE R. McKECHNIE, CMC, Borough Clerk

Minutes Approved: 06/17/25